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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

CAO, ET AL.

S.N. 09/932,435

FILED: 17 AUGUST, 2001

FOR: USE OF XANTHAN GUM AS A
HAIR FIXATIVE

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: GOLLAMUDI

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding action dated 19 December, 2003 in the above-identified application, having a period for response set to expire 19 March, 2004, and extended two months by petition herewith to 19 May, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the following amendment and enclosed Declaration under Rule 1.132 be entered and the claims reconsidered in light thereof.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner and her supervisor for the productive interview on 22 April, 2004.